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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/954,661	SHIGETA, SHINOBU
	Examiner Jimmy Nguyen	Art Unit 2829

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**.      2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

4) Claim(s) 1 -20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

    If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some \* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by B.G.Casner et al (US 3572400).

**As to claims 1, 7, 13,** B.G.Casner et al disclose (fig 2) a mark forming apparatus comprising:

A guide needle (23) for forming a mark;

A positioning mechanism (17, the position mechanism will be operated by the tester 17) for positioning guide needle (23) above a fault location of a semiconductor device (10);

A solution supply device (19) for supplying a solution containing a coloring agent and a volatile solvent (column 2 line 21 – 26 and column 2 line 70 –73) to the fault location until it touches a tip of guide needle; and

A heating unit ( the use of heat to dry volatile solvent is disclosed in the background of the invention in column 2) for evaporating the volatile solvent to form a mark consisting of the coloring agent surrounding the fault location (as seen in figs 6 and 7).

**As to claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15,** B.G.Casner et al disclose the volatile solvent is any one of ketone, ether and alcohol (column 2 line 21 – 26).

**As to claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16 - 20,** B.G.Casner et al disclose the heating unit comprises an irradiating device for irradiating visible rays, and the evaporation of the volatile solvent is caused by irradiation of the visible rays (column 2 line 40 – 50, drying the volatile by keeping the oven).

**As to claims 6, 12,** B.G.Casner et al disclose the guide needle is the probe needle (23).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy Nguyen at (703) 306-5858. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4900.

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